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TONGUES OF FIRE

From the World's Evangelization Crusade on Apostolic Principles.

"Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you . . . and be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

"There appeared . . . tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

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"Beloved, I was constrained to write unto you, exhorting you to contend earnestly for the Faith, which was once for all delivered unto the saints.—R.V."

Tongues of Fire

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Editorial.

"BEHOLD A FLYING ROLL."

AFTER Zechariah had the vision of the candlestick of gold, supplied with olive oil flowing direct from the two olive trees (that is, the "two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth," Zech. 4: 14, called in Rev. 11: 3, God's "two witnesses,") he turned and beheld a "flying roll." This roll represented "the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth" during the closing years of this age. The secret of this curse was disobedience to God's known will, the roll being covered with God's handwriting against sin.

I believe God wants a flying epistle in these last days, that shall be a "savor of life unto life" to those that receive it, and of "death unto death" to those that reject it; and that this message, like the one Zechariah saw, is to be a world-wide one. There has been a cry in the heart of the editor that TONGUES OF FIRE, as a flying roll, might be carried to every tongue and tribe and people and nation.

Two years ago, at the first annual convention, Mr. Sandford with others, claimed from God a printer and printing press. We are glad to be able to report that that prayer has been answered. A printer from Lynn, Mass., has been moved of God to ship his printing office and all its paraphernalia, worth about \$2000, to this place. Our dear

brother M. A. Leger, has felt God calling him to this step for some time, and in the face of much discouragement, and in spite of these hard times, has been able to close up his business in that city, and carry out the will of God by taking this important step. There was great joy in the Bible School upon his arrival.

A portion of his words on that occasion were as follows: "I had felt for a long time to go into the Lord's work. I believe the printing office was given in answer to prayer and should be used for God's praise entirely. The printers in fact had got it around that I was too religious for a printer; but that didn't make any difference. I had given God the office for His use, and didn't care where He wanted it. I said, 'If He wants it in the woods He can have it, or anywhere to glorify His name. It makes no difference to me.' I have prayed over this matter, and the Lord seemed to lead in this way. I asked Him to make known His will to me by His providences. It meant a great deal to ship a car load here, and it means a great deal to some of you who will have to help in the work, especially on the machinery. I thought these things over, and the Lord seemed somehow to open the way by his providences. These are very hard times. I don't know whether you know it or not at the Bible School [knowing God supplied our need by faith]; but for a man who has no faith, these are the hardest of hard times. It makes no difference whether you are in the city or towns, it is hard to get your money if you do any work, and hard to get the work even if you don't get any money for it. But I told the Lord if he wanted me to come here I would put the 'fleece' out and let Him make known to me His will concerning this affair. I said, 'Lord, if you want the office down there, you make the way clear so all the bills can be paid, so Your name won't be in reproach by leaving bills behind unpaid.' Then I went out trying to collect my bills. I struck one man (about the hardest I generally found to pay), and I put in my claim to him, not expecting to get it, as usual, without something to say; but he opened his pocketbook right off and paid it. I went to quite a number of others the same way and found people generally willing to pay, some of them paying without discount too, when they usually wanted large discounts. But I found the Lord had the care of it. He has taken care of it, so this School has no need to fear on account of bills left unpaid. I felt in that way it was His providence for me to come to this place, and believe He has a use for the printing office

here. I can see this in more ways than one, and as it goes on I believe the Lord will use the paper and the press **MIGHTILY**. I know as we have the prayers of the students here and all concerned in this place, that the glad tidings will go forth and be published to the glory of God, and that the 'wilderness shall blossom as the rose.'"

These words reveal God's workings throughout the land. He that has called this man of decided ability to this work, has called him to a glorious privilege, such as, I believe, no other printer on God's earth possesses. The "flying roll," written within and without, in tongues of living fire, is to cover the face of the earth. He has the English type, and amid the delighted shouts of "Praise the Lord!" and "Hallelujah!" of the Bible School, announced that he also had French type. Some of the scholars knelt and began to pray for German type, and not four hours ago Dr. Kiefer came into the room with a shining face, and announced that a German editor and clergyman had written he was coming from Texas to attend the Bible School. Perhaps this is God's mighty moving in response to these prayers. Hallelujah! "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." "Let us be glad and rejoice." The Omnipotent One is thundering. The cry that has been in the heart of the editor and his co-workers, is now about to have the privilege of giving expression to this desire for world-wide evangelization through these pages.

A few days later Brother Leger's wife, who is an evangelist, greatly used and blessed of the Spirit, and well known throughout the Eastern states, arrived to attend the Bible School. The students had already learned to love this true woman of God, and her arrival was another occasion of rejoicing.

The printing press and all its belongings having been set up at the farm house, the entire School gathered on the evening of February 16th, to dedicate the press, printer and wife, to the glorious work of spreading the gospel throughout the world. What a glorious season it was! Bro. Douglas gave a history of that room from the time it was opened as a meeting place for those who had been turned out of the Friends' church for being baptized, down to the present. Dr. Kiefer spoke of the great state of Texas as being united with the state of Maine through this movement, and wanted thousands of copies of this paper in the Lone Star State. Bro. Leger gave a history of his leadings to the place, and Sister Leger was so full of praise to think God had answered the longings of her heart, and made it possible for her husband, as well as herself, to be engaged wholly in Christian work, that she felt to say but few words. Mr. Sandford mentioned how the evening before that little room had been dedicated as a chapel, John Douglas and himself had knelt there for half an hour in silence, until God whispered those two marvelous words to him, "**LIVING WATERS**". He recalled how in the sermon on the following Sabbath day, he had pictured the "living waters" in Ezekiel's vision, as flowing from the sanctuary to the sandy desert, and even to the Dead Sea, causing everything to live wherever they went. Also how he had said to the audience "I know not what it means, but in the name of Jesus Christ I write these two words over this body of people, that 'living waters' may flow from this place, to every nation on this globe."

On the evening of the dedication of the press, the first message was printed, which was as follows:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—LUKE 2: 14.

"Behold I bring you good tidings of **GREAT JOY** which shall be to all **THE PEOPLE**."

—LUKE 2: 10.

"Fly . . . having the everlasting gospel to preach unto . . . every nation, . . . and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give glory to **HIM**."—REV. 14: 6-7.

"UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN."

"AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JOHN."

OF LATE one blessing follows another in rapid succession. Feb. 7th, at nine o'clock in the morning, Mrs. Sandford gave birth to a young prophet. He was born in the house of God, in the suite of rooms over the beautiful white corner stone, inscribed with "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." God himself, with a special providence, provided a holy woman of God as nurse, and a holy man of God as attending physician. No medicines were administered, but the company of gentlemen students at the farm house, and the company of lady students in the house of God, waited on Him for His own marvelous deliverance. The Holy Ghost Himself was in charge of the day, and so wonderful were the answers to prayer in physical results supernaturally brought about, that Dr. Kiefer characterized them as simply "**MIRACULOUS**." As that glorious flag of ours, bearing the word "**Victory**" was sent flying out with the breezes that morning, it proclaimed nothing but the truth. ("She shall be saved through her child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety." (R. V. margin.)

On the eighth day (the day upon which among the Jews, the male children are circumcised and named), he was circumcised, as Paul says, "with the circumcision made without hands." The members of the School gathered together, and at nine o'clock the father knelt in prayer, commended the child to the care of God, and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ I name you 'John.'" Not a word had been said by Mr. Sandford to his wife giving any hint as to the name of the child, and to the delight of all, the mother said in a voice trembling with deepest emotion, "I knew that was what you were going to call him, before you said it, for that was the name He gave me." Like Zacharias and Elizabeth of old, they had agreed in the Holy Ghost as to the name, and that without conference. The Holy Ghost had before this said to Mr. Sandford, "Thou shalt call his name John."

The editor of this paper believes he is writing in the Holy Ghost, when with the angel' he adds, "And thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth, for he shall be great in the sight of the Lord . . . and be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb, and many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord

their God; and he shall go before HIM in the spirit and power of Elias, and turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, and make ready a people prepared for the Lord," and with Zacharias prophecies, "Thou child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest, and thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sun rising (margin) from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness; and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Hallelujah! "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts until the day of his showing unto Israel."

PRAYER CRUSADE.

GOD is marvelously blessing the Bible School in taking up the line of subjects for prayer each morning, as found in Mrs. Sandford's Prayer Calendar. It really seems as if more was being accomplished in this movement, yes vastly more, by the saints upon their knees, than in any other way. The editor has mentioned it before, and now again earnestly requests that each person who is really interested in the world's evangelization, shall secure as many of these calendars as they can distribute among real praying saints. There is a mighty power in union. The realization that each morning at nine o'clock, people all over the United States are praying for the same thing, brings great confidence to the hearts of those in supplication, as well as pleasure to the heart of Him who is to see the "travail of His soul and be satisfied." We had rather give these calendars away, than to miss the united prayer that God desires. The calendars are only 25 cents each, or in case they are to be given away 15 cents each, but for the sake of doubling the number of praying people on these lines, Mrs. Sandford will furnish them for \$1.00 per dozen, to those entering heartily into the spirit of this work. We earnestly urge each saint to buy at least a dozen at this great reduction from \$3. to \$1. per dozen. If you cannot afford to do that, and you know those who are truly spiritual people, we will gladly send them to you for nothing, and trust the Lord for postage. THIS WORLD MUST BE EVANGELIZED AT ANY COST.

THE SINGING BOOK

HAS caused us more annoyance and perplexity perhaps, than any other part of the work. I began writing the company concerning the publication of the book one year ago last November, and delivered them the manuscript about the first of April 1896, expecting to receive the book at the latest by the opening of the following tent season. My expectation was based upon these words from the publishing company, "It will take but a few weeks to get out a 64-page book The time occupied in getting out the book need not be long. It can be done very speedily. It would not take us long to furnish the book after we receive the copy for the plates. We can make 30 pages per week of new matter....printing and binding would take about a week longer."

I was disappointed in not securing the book by the opening of the tent season in May; also in the month of June, and then to my surprise, the book failed to appear for the 4th of July convention. It was then promised "by the middle of July," but the promise proved false. August came, and to the deep disappointment of myself and the constituents of this work, the entire month passed without the appearance of the book that had been so long promised. I felt certain of it for the Annual Convention, but this too, proved a false hope. I have three times corrected the proofs with great labor. Once they were destroyed by the company, and once when the company transferred the work to another company, they were evidently lost.

The last date, when, under certain conditions, they had expected to furnish the book, was Jan. 10th. I have been so pressed in my work that I dreaded practically throwing away the many hours taken from needed sleep for the purpose of correcting this book, by turning to another company, and so I have waited from month to month, hoping the glad day of publication would soon arrive. We have this week however written to the company to send us the electroplates, as we shall now be able to do our own printing. It may be that God was jealous of having this singing book printed on any other than His own press, and has caused the delay.

I can only say to the public that I have felt the disappointment deeply on your account, but feel that I am not responsible, at least not so to my knowledge, for this remarkable delay of nearly one year in the publication of the small 96-page singing book. However as soon as we receive the electroplates, we will as God makes possible, push the printing and binding of the book. We will mail the singing books immediately after their publication, to those who have already ordered and paid for them.

Since we have not consciously sinned in this matter, let us "take joyfully the spoiling" of our plans, remembering we belong to that class who "glory in tribulations also" and count experiences of this kind "all joy." I had ended the sentence but the stenographer finished it by saying "and feel ashamed that we didn't trust Him, when He had said 'all things work together for good to them that love God' and knew He had a printing press coming all the time."

GIFTS TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

WE thank God for a chamber set which one dear sister sent; for a barrel from far off New Jersey, filled with clothing and other useful articles; and a box from dear friends in Manchester containing lamps, tin ware, towels etc. which were very much needed and appreciated. Yesterday one of the saints sent \$8. to the Bible School, writing that she had sent it when she felt she could not well do without it, and yet before the week was over, in the most remarkable manner, she had \$10. come back to her. I have in my hand twelve silver forks, ten silver spoons and a silver spoon holder and creamer, which have just arrived by express, from another dear sister. Paper for the four rooms on the first floor, was given by one of the saints in Auburn. One day several bags of nice Baldwin apples were left for the School. They were a real treat.

God richly bless these, and all other dear friends who have co-operated in making it possible for this band of Christian people to devote themselves to the evangelization of the world.

The priests and Levites of old, did nothing but look after the spiritual interests of all Israel, and the people were commanded to give one-tenth of their income for their support. There exists just as real a priesthood at the Bible School today. Sometimes whole days are spent, and even whole nights in supplication and prayer for the sake of the sinful, for those bound by evil habits, and held captive by Satan at his will. It is nothing strange or remarkable, that the same God who leads us to devote our lives to the interests of humanity, should lead others who likewise possess the Spirit of our Lord, to send of their earthly possessions to supply our temporal needs, and thus make it possible for us without hindrance, to devote ourselves wholly to the spiritual interests of mankind.

PRAISE GOD

FOR bringing in money with which to purchase the steam pipes for the chapel. It is now heated by steam, and the very breath of heaven seem to pervade it these evenings, as the students sit there in meditation, or communion with God. It really seems like the "holy of holies" to the devout worshippers waiting upon God. The sacrifice made by some of the donors in order to make possible the heating of this room by steam, will always send up the "savor of a sweet smell unto God." May the Spirit work as mightily and as successfully in their lives as the steam through these pipes.

THE PAPER

HAS been delayed on account of the confusion arising from moving the printing press and setting it up in its place. Instead of two single numbers in January, we had one double number. We got out a 12-page paper in February, expecting to have had another number, but the printing press having delayed us, we will put in a double number, instead of two single numbers, for the March 1st and hereafter expect to have the paper come regularly, as advertised. The readers are in no wise cheated as to the amount of reading matter, but simply have larger issues, and accordingly less number of them. Be patient with us, and we will have everything adjusted to your satisfaction ere long.

THE 4TH OF JULY CONVENTION

WILL be held July 3rd to 5th, at which time we hope to have the grounds properly arranged, the veranda erected, the building painted, and the entire structure formally dedicated. To this end we ask the prayers of the people. We were successful Oct. 2nd, in having the chapel ready for divine service; by Jan. 1st, we were permitted to have the building ready for occupancy, at least on two floors; and now by July 4th, we hope to have everything finished for dedication in a way that shall harmonize with the glory of God. This is a tremendous undertaking, the work to be done on the grounds alone being very great. We shall probably need \$1000 for completion of everything connected with the building, such as the pipe, windmill, or some motor power, tanks, paint, veranda, etc. This is

God's house; erected by money which God has supernaturally sent in; to be devoted to God's service in praying for God's sick, suffering children; and in preparing God's servants to go forth and preach the "everlasting gospel" of God's Son. We therefore feel free to ask all led by God's Spirit, to unite in special prayer and faith inauguration day, Thurs. Mar. 4, 9-10 A.M., for the completion and dedication of this building and grounds, for God's glory. Amen and Amen.

BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES.

IN the study of the Scriptures this year, God wonderfully opened up the first of Genesis, concerning the creation. Next the Spirit seemed to lead the class to the last two chapters of Revelation, thus connecting the first chapters of the Bible, from the beginning of the story of man, with its conclusion. Next the Spirit marvelously opened up the second chapter concerning the first Adam and his bride, in connection with the second Adam and His bride, as found in Revelation. Then the awful results of sin, preceding the flood were briefly noticed, in connection with the awful tribulation which is yet to come when Christ shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, to take vengeance upon them that know not God. Then the life of Abraham was studied with great profit by the students, and the marvelous truth of our descent from Abraham (being the ten tribes of Israel), thrilled our very hearts with gladness. Next the life of Isaac, as one who was miraculously born, and through whom Abraham's seed should be reckoned, showed the class one of the reasons for expecting mighty miracles in our day, that is, the miraculous life of our ancestor being in his descendants, would naturally lead them to be expecting the miraculous. At present the School is studying the Acts of the Apostles in connection with this mighty truth, and as we study the mighty acts of the Holy Ghost, may we prove ourselves to be children of Abraham indeed, true descendants of his son Isaac, for whom a bride was taken from among his own people.

The lessons thus far, have been simply marvelous, in the length and breadth and mighty scope of the revelation graciously given us. The Bible as a whole, seems to be looming into sight, and these great mighty truths are standing out, clearly outlined to the spiritual vision of teachers and pupils. Thank God that He is thus answering your prayers, dear friends, for we are one in Christ Jesus.

Three of the young lady students are to learn the art of type-setting. Thus all the work on the paper will be done by members of the School. . . . Nearly all of the students have now moved into the building on the hill. . . . It was rather a touching occasion when, at the conclusion of the last meal in the old cottage, the members of the School poured out their hearts in gratitude to God for many blessings that He had given in that crowded dining room. . . . There was great gladness and deep victorious peace, as the School gathered for their first meal in the large, convenient dining room on the hill. . . . The old tumble-down building between the cottage and barn, has been taken to pieces, and the lumber transferred to the hill, to be used for horse sheds. . . . Evangelist E. R. Leger is now attending the Bible School. . . . Several new students expect to enter the first of March. . . . A clergyman from Texas is some

expected by that time. . . . Miss M. E. Guptill has been given general charge of the household, under Mrs. Sandford. . . . John H. Douglas has general charge of the building under Mr. Sandford. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Holland have charge of the school and house, in the absence of Mr. Sandford or the others above mentioned.

We often receive letters asking if young men who are sorely tempted, or those who need spiritual help, may come as students to the School. We hope the public will understand that this is not a reformatory institution, but a place where men and women of apostolic spirit, (those who forsake houses, lands etc. for the sake of preaching the gospel) may be fitted by the Holy Ghost, for the high and glorious calling of evangelizing a lost world.

Hereafter no person will be entered as a regular student at the Bible School, until clear light has been received from the Holy Ghost, as to His will concerning the matter. All new students will henceforth stop at the cottage, having the privilege of attending the lessons as the others, but not having their names entered upon the book as students, until their case has been laid before the great Teacher. New students therefore must be prepared to remain a month or so, simply as applicants, or at least until the Teacher reveals His will. It is His School, not ours. As changes have been made in the School since last year, many coming, and some going, a list of those and those only who are recognized at present time as students of the School, is given below. As others unite with the School, their names will be given. We wish the public to be informed on this matter, as many entire strangers come to us and stay a few days or weeks, and then depart and report themselves as students from the School, while we do not recognize them as such, they not being fitted, in our opinion, to preach the gospel. While over fifty students in all have attended the School, only the following thirty-four have their names on our books.

F. W. SANDFORD,	H. K. SANDFORD,
C. E. HOLLAND,	C. S. HOLLAND,
J. H. DOUGLAS,	M. E. GUPTILL,
W. N. GLEASON,	M. L. PEACOCK,
DR. F. KIEFER,	A. K. GUPTILL,
E. A. DOUGHTY,	M. H. ROBINSON,
H. L. WILSON,	E. A. EMERSON,
F. L. RICHARDSON,	E. J. RICE,
J. F. FRENCH,	R. V. EMMONS,
R. L. MERRILL,	C. F. MARPLE,
A. A. WHITTAKER,	G. E. HUGHEY,
H. W. DICKEY,	I. D. HAINES,
E. E. WHITTEMORE,	F. B. FERRY,
W. C. PEASE,	M. E. TONNESON,
B. L. MITCHELL,	E. SMALL,
F. B. SMALL,	E. R. LEGER,
S. CUNNINGHAM,	M. A. LEGER,

Will not the saints of the Most High, scattered abroad hold up each name to God for His special endowment with the Holy Ghost, that they may indeed prove to be servants of the Most High God.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

ONWARD.

BY MRS. E. R. LEGER.

WE READ in Hosea 6: 3, "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord." Many only know *about* Him, but do not know Him as a real person, and therefore know not the comfort of His fellowship, and companionship. It is those who *follow on* who are favored with the knowledge of Him. There is not a place on the way to halt or turn aside, if we mean to gain this exalted knowledge. It is a prize and only given to the persevering ones. It will cost the sacrifice of anything that may hinder the onward march of the child of God. Paul said, "I have suffered the loss of all things that I may know Him."

Phil. 1: 6, "He who has begun a good work in you will finish it." [margin.] You must count on His working and fulfilling to the last His thought for you. Your efforts must pass into quiet, trustful confidence in His doing *for* you and *in* you *all* the good pleasing His will.

Ps. 141: 3, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." This is a prayer you will need to have ever before you, for James 3: 2 reads, "If a man offend not in words the same is a perfect man." We are always ready to talk of that nearest our lips. I can sit by your side and listen as you talk and soon find out what kind of a heart you have. If I hear criticisms, unkind, censorious remarks about any one, either saved or unsaved, I may know you are not following on to know the Lord, for no guile was in His mouth.

I used to read, in James 3: 8, "The tongue can no man tame," and a shadow of sadness came over me as I thought, "Will it never be tamed? I dislike many of my expressions," when, one day, the Holy Spirit said, "But God can tame it," and I shall never forget the bound of gladness that filled my heart as I turned eagerly to Him to tame my tongue. Read for yourselves in private study that chapter, and make it your prayer to "offend not in word."

Ps. 51: 15, "Open thou my mouth and my lips shall show forth thy praises." God must do this. He waits to flood your soul with His own *love divine* and then let you pour it out in the words of song, praise or prayer.

Now a word about growth and going forward. You must not think you have gained it already when you have only begun. You are like the little babe, perfect at that stage of life, but you must now prove the truth of the four following texts. I only know of these four texts in the Word that so plainly speak of progression, although it is implied from Genesis to Revelation.

Psalms 84: 7, "They go from strength to strength." No standing still; not a dead level, either, but "mount up with wings as eagles, run and not be weary," etc., is God's thought for us.

Prov. 4: 18, "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." You must not overlook the fact that it is the path of a certain class of people, called "just," who are to prove this radiancy in increasing brightness; not the careless, not the self-indulgent, but he who is taking up his cross *daily*, and following on to "know the Lord."

Job 17: 9, "He that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger." If you turn to Ps. 24, you will learn who are the favored ones who are admitted into the mount of fellowship with their Lord. It is asked as a question,

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, who shall stand in his holy place?" And the answer is, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Notice the "clean hands," meaning the *outward life*, and "pure heart," the *inward life*; for it is the "pure in heart" who are to see God, *even here*, amid the defilement of sin. Don't expect to go from "strength to strength," or be "stronger and stronger," or have the path made lighter than yesterday, unless you are ever asking and *trusting* Him to keep your heart pure, and your life clean outwardly, and this He does by the operation of the Holy Spirit and the Word. Jesus said, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." And the Psalmist asked, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

2 Cor. 3: 18, "We all beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord." Now if you put *character* in place of glory, you will understand more clearly the thought of the text. You look into a glass and arrange your toilet; to see if your face is clean, etc. The word of God is the looking-glass of our spiritual life, you keep looking in it, and you will see if there is a stain of sin on your soul, where you have allowed yourself to be unloving or uncharitable or selfish, and you look at 1 Cor., Chap. 13, and you see, "love suffereth long and is kind, love thinketh no evil, love never fails;" and it makes you cry out, and then you confess your sin, and He puts the blood on it, that "cleanseth from all sin," and you are cleansed thus by the Word. I read a beautiful thought once how God is represented as coming with the blood in one hand and a lamp in the other, He turns the light on our defects, and we cry out, and confess, and He puts the blood on, and it blots out all transgression and sin. Beloved, ask Him *ever* to send out His light and truth that *they* may lead you straight to the knowledge of Him whom to know aright is life eternal.

Let us always be in a place where we can say,

"Where He leads me I will follow,
Follow all the way."

A PORTION OF DR. KIEFER'S SERMON.

(DELIVERED.)

I HAVE not been here forty days yet, but will give you my convictions. I declare before this congregation today, that I have found it all I expected, and a great deal more. This is no mere talk. No, God forbid that I should ever be found simply tickling the ears of people. God forbid that I should. What I speak today, I speak in the presence of God, and as I would like the whole world to hear, and know God sustains me in making the statements I shall make here, believing them to be made in the fear of the Lord.

I had heard of this movement, where men took the Word of God together, where they took it ahead of anything else, where they took it as the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; that whatever came up in temporal or spiritual affairs, was to be laid alongside the Word of God and tested by it, and only as it agreed with the Bible, to follow it, and as it did not, discard it. Coming here, I found that very thing.

As to the name, I didn't ask anybody, "What do you

name the thing?" One of the names I have heard recently—I have heard it all through the weeks I have been here—has been "the Camp." "Camp" is quite a suggestive name. It has a martial meaning, that soldiers are there to be drilled. When there is a war to be carried on, there is great necessity, absolute necessity, that the soldiers shall be drilled, and that is not exactly the work a recruit would like to do. Get a volunteer for war, and he will want to rush right out to battle. But that is not the way to do it, as the general will tell you. "There must be some drill. You must know how to handle your sword, must be familiar with the sword, and drilled as to marching in battalions." There must be absolute unity in the army, if you are to accomplish any great thing.

Something of the kind is done here. There is a company that will enlarge from month to month, until I cannot think of the space needed (it occurred to me one night) for the houses that will have to be built to hold the many to be drilled in the use of the weapon which is the "sword of the Spirit." That is the only weapon. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty to the pulling down of strongholds." The drilling is needed, and God be blessed, we are having it every day. Why, we have had some valuable drills here during the last week. The lesson of yesterday was worth all it cost me to come from Texas here, and will cost me to go back. We have had just such good lessons the week before and the two days of the previous week, that it has been my fortune to be here. The drill is all important. Students, don't rush out. An open field, and some good brother will tell you there is a great work to be done. But the time is not lost that is used in drilling for it gives you strength, and when you go out at last, you will be prepared for the battle.

Well, the name is "camp of the saints;" the "saints of the Most High" camp here, and have moved part of them into the upper building. Between the two camps is the "spring of Eschol," delicious water, better than we have in Texas actually—I have drank it.

So much about the camp. Then we have another expression; it is called "movement." That is a good expression as far as it goes. It presents at once the idea of a forward movement. Anything that lies dormant is not a movement. This thing has a movement connected with it, and the movement means going around this globe to change the color of that map, nothing less, nothing more. Here we are encamped, preparing for that uprising to take in the world, the ends of the earth for the Lord Jesus Christ and isn't it a glorious movement? Can we possibly imagine any movement that is more grand and glorious than to conquer the world for Christ? It is a glorious one. I would not want to be engaged in any other or in any higher or nobler work. Angels would be delighted to take a hand in it if they might. But they can only be servants to the heirs of salvation, not soldiers in it. It is our privilege to be drilled for the movement to go around the world. Now soldiers are never sent out singly, only as spies. They go two and two, or in companies, regiments or battalions. We know we are just in the drilling season now, but the time will come when these soldiers properly prepared, will be sent off in sections, may be in small companies at first, two and two, four and four, etc., and then the time may come when they may go in battalions. They may possibly even go on the ocean liner, that our brother has seen, one hun-

dred on the steamer, stopping at every port, singing the songs of Zion, holding protracted meetings, and leaving a section of them there to hold the fort, while they go on and take in new recruits. I suppose as they shall stop, there will be many who ought to be recruits, who ought to be brought to the camp, and drilled, and thus go on preaching the gospel from one nation to the other, until they go clean around the globe and come here again.

Now we have the two names, "camp" and "movement". There is something in both of them, but they are so small, so insignificant, that I really don't know as I care to hear them any more. They are not God's name, not a bit of it. The best I may have felt to apply for the present, under existing circumstances. The name is here. It is not my name. It is God's name for this movement, this camp of the saints. I will read it to you. I think you will find it in the 3rd chapter of 1 Timothy, 14th and 15th verses, He says "I may not come, may be detained, but if I should be detained I write 'that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.'" I do not hesitate to declare before this people that this that you see here, is "the house of God." God has built this house. Men have not erected it; but the Lord gave the plan, and the Lord gave the means, and it is carried on by the Lord's money, every bit of it, and right here, are the saints of God, who are the "church of the living God." Not a movement merely, but a church, which is "ecclesia" and that means "called out." Have you not been called out from various parts of Maine, and other parts of the United States to come here? Called out to be here, where you are the "church of the living God," nothing more, nothing less. There may be some are ready to say "Isn't this extravagant, fanatical?" You watch me, and you will have to say, "No, he is scriptural, conforming himself to the truth," and God knows I would not for my life, speak anything but what I believe to be the truth. The church has need of the truth. It is the pillar and ground upon which the truth stands. Now, take this illustration of the house again. Here is the house and there is the underpinning. What the underpinning is to the house, this church is to the truth. As these pillars hold up the house so the church of the living God is simply here to uphold God's truth. It is strange, but true; it is so hard for God to find a people that are willing to be the ground and pillar upon which God can rest His truth. Pillar to hold up this Book, and be ready to preach it, it alone, and nothing else; but that is the work of the church of God on earth, anybody that does not do this, is not the church of God. They may make mighty claims but that does not constitute them a church of the living God. No, it means faithfulness, loyalty to this Book, nothing short and nothing more than this. Now the question is, is this found here? So loyal to God's Word that they are ready to say "we will bear up that Word and nothing else. Nothing else shall be built upon us but the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." I believe it is done here. The whole truth carried out in their organization. No man can remain in this place and at the same time be disloyal to Christ. Here last week was a man who did not believe the whole of the Book and was compelled to leave this room, because his presence could not be tolerated here. Coming here, we must give ourselves absolutely to the truth, or we are not wanted here. You must give up human doctrine, and accept the

doctrines of the Word of God, not only with your head but with your heart, or else you are not what you ought to be, not in the proper place.

Now the question will be asked "Why this new movement amidst the thousands of churches? Was there a necessity for anything like another organization like this?" The Bible tells us "there is nothing new under the sun," and "why this movement?" Let me tell you, it is not new after all. Suppose some one comes here and brings a nugget of gold taken from Colorado. You would say, "it is brand new gold," and so it is, but could that man persuade you it had grown in the last few months like your potato crop? You would know that the gold was in the Colorado mines 2000 years ago. There all the time, but had not yet been discovered. So let me make this declaration, that there is not a particle of newness about this entire movement, not a new thing at all. It is at least 1860 years of age; it goes back to the days of Paul. You will find it in the second chapter of Acts; in Antioch. They were precisely where this movement is here today. Nothing more, but precisely the same thing. If we lay the two together, lay what is done here and carried on here in the name of the Lord, alongside the Jerusalem church, you will find it to be precisely the same thing. Things which are equal to the same thing, are equal to each other; hence it is mathematically demonstrated that this new movement is as old as the New Testament Scriptures. Nothing new, simply taking the rubbish away, and digging down to the gold that is in this Book, and maintaining it, determined in spite of all the world, the churches and the devil, to be true to God if we die in the very effort. Is there anything unreasonable in this? Is it fanatical? Would to God there were more of it. More of that kind of fanaticism that determines to leave all the rubbish and tread it under our feet, and say that the gold, the pure gold and nothing but the gold shall be held up. The whole truth and nothing but the truth. Now that is done here. There is nothing new about it. It is God's thought for the salvation of the world.

Now again this movement is not to stop in one place, but is to multiply itself. You know the Jerusalem church was the great model church of all succeeding churches, and there the Apostles remained, while others were being formed. As they formed the Church of Antioch, there was Barnabas that "son of consolation" sent to find out how the thing worked. He found it about the same as at Jerusalem, and wrote off to get Paul to labor there together for the establishing of the work, having a company of saints there, and drilling soldiers until they were ready for another forward movement. While waiting on the Lord in fasting and prayer, the Holy Spirit said "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," and they sent them on to establish just such churches in all the regions of country through which they should travel.

Hence we read of churches in Asia and Europe. Not one big church going all around the globe, but individual churches everywhere. Just imagine the time when this shall have grown to have a thousand members, and imagine say a million more, because a million would not be too many for this big globe of ours with its thousand million people, having a million of just such churches, or if you cannot bear the name, call it a "movement" or "camp" but God has called it the "church of the living God" and I prefer that name and shall stick to it for my part. Let that church be

multiplied until there shall be a million, each having a thousand members.

Just view the planetary system for a moment. How the earth in its motion is going around its circle every twenty-four hours, keeping in motion and in the course of a year going entirely around the sun. Do you know what keeps the earth in motion? Some of these scholars know. It is a combination of two forces called the centripetal and centrifugal, one with tendency to run it into chaos, and the other drawing it towards the sun. The combination of the two forces keeps it steady in its rotation around the sun until it makes it run in perfect regularity all the time. So with the churches of the living God when they shall once have been established by the thousands around this globe. They will be kept without your articles of faith, without your constitutions, without your tremendous laws and methods to keep them together. The two forces that keep the earth in going around the sun are actually in existence. It is the combination of these two forces that will keep the thing moving in the right tract. The one is that mighty drawing of the Son of Righteousness, the power of love, and then there comes the other that would drag us off into chaos. They have a tendency to draw people together, and bring them together. The persecution from without brings us together and keeps us going. The force of the love of God, and the power of the devil, two opposite forces combined bring them into union and keep them spinning around the Son of Righteousness, in perfect victory and in the glorious work of the salvation of the world, and the evangelization of this globe of ours.

NO DESIRE FOR LIQUOR NOW.

ONE very cold evening last month, a carriage drove up to the farmhouse, where the Bible School was stopping, containing an intoxicated man and his wife. They had driven twelve miles with the hope that this poor slave to drink might be liberated. He was a noble looking specimen of humanity, having been a colonel in the U. S. army.

Immediately the School began prayer for his salvation. The following morning at prayers in the Bible School building, he definitely acknowledged and received Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was wonderfully converted, the power and glory of a new life showing very plainly in his features.

Several weeks have passed since that day, and the following letter has recently been received from him. "I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT ON MY ARRIVAL AT LEWISTON I WAS IN NO WAY TEMPTED, NOR HAVE I SINCE HAD ANY DESIRE FOR INTOXICANTS: and as to my smoking, I have simply put my foot down and said, 'no you can't have it.' I wish to thank you and all the students with you most sincerely for your great kindness to me in which my wife joins. You and your glorious undertakings at Durham are remembered in our prayers morning and evening, that all may prosper and be to the salvation of many souls."

This brother had made many desperate efforts to break off the drink habit. Had tried the Keely cure but all in vain. At last a greater appears on the scene. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, travelling in the greatness of His strength?" The Omnipotent One coming to save drunkards, replies, "I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

Still later, and some six weeks from the time this brother gave himself to God (as referred to by Dr. Kiefer in the last paper) his wife writes of her husband, "Mr. B. led our first prayer meeting in our consecrated home last evening (Acts. 2.). He was not worried, knowing God would tell him what to say, and He did. He referred to the blessing he received recently when at Durham and all were interested in his recital of your glorious work for humanity.

"Cordial thanks for letter recieved" writes a sister. "Kindest wishes for every blessing to rest upon you, and the little D. D. as Mr. Bradbury calls your fine boy."

"I used to say that one of the things that made the Lord's coming precious to me, was the thought of the way the poor animals would be blest. When I saw them suffering in our city (Boston) I often wished I could get up close to them and whisper to them that Jesus was coming, and they would not have to suffer much longer."

Notices.

1. *Tongues of Fire*, 1895 bound in book form with pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Sandford on first page, can be ordered for one dollar. This vol. has seven lengthy and very valuable articles on the Holy Ghost—articles which every saint interested in this movement should surely possess.

2. *Prayer Crusade Calender*, for each day in the year, by Mrs. H. Kinney Sandford, can be ordered in book form, twenty-five cents. A useful present which should be scattered among the saints that believe in a crusade of prayer for this world's evangelization. Any one wishing to give them away may have these calenders for 15 cents, or one dozen for one dollar.

3. The tract—"Two years experience with the Holy Ghost", by F. W. Sandford, may be secured for \$1.00 per hundred. One of the Friends, who has recently recieved the Holy Ghost, writes this is "the most useful article in leading people to receive the Holy Ghost," that she has ever known.

4. The Tract—"Twenty-five Reasons Why I Know the Holy Ghost is a Person," by F. W. Sandford, can be ordered for \$1.00 per. hundred. The power of one's Christian life depends upon his receiving, recognizing and knowing the Holy Ghost. This tract gives the Scriptures upon this subject throughout the whole Bible, showing conclusively His personality.

5. *Pray the Lord of the Harvest* to send Holy Ghost laborers to the Bible School, and to keep others away. We want the first quality only, those who "forsake houses, lands" etc. and "reach 100 fold."

6. The new singing book "Warrior Songs for the White Cavalry" can be ordered for 25 cents each; \$2.50 per. dozen; \$18.00 per. hundred.

7. Any desired motto for the decoration of the walls of one's room can be ordered of Mrs. H. K. Sandford, in blue, pink or red ardboard, for one cent per small, and two cents per capital letter. The money received from these sales will be used in the interest of God's work. Will friends kindly assist by securing orders?

8. *Tongues of Fire*, 1896, bound in book form, will, for a while, be sold for half price, fifty cents, or sent post-paid for 60 cents. Afterwards the price will be one dollar.

9. The three great gatherings of the year are: First, Fourth of July Convention (July 3-5) at which D. V., the grounds having been properly laid out and the Lord's house painted, the entire property will be formally dedicated to God. Second, The yearly Campmeeting (Aug. 7-22) when the people bring their tents, food, bedding etc., and camp out. Third, The Annual Convention (Sept. 25 to Oct. 2) at the opening of the school year. Reduced rates on the railroad are secured to each of these meetings which are held at Durham, Me., the R. R. station and Post Office address, however being at Lisbon Falls, Me. 1-2 miles distant.

We invite YOU to come to any or all of these gatherings and see for yourself what God is doing.